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Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**RECLOSABLE CONTAINER LID**", which was filed on August 6, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/923,763 . The attorneys of record in said application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert in this Assignment the filing date and Serial Number thereof in the places provided therefor.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the Application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority
Claimed

NONE
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Yes No

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States Application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the Claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior Application and the national or PCT international filing date of this Application:

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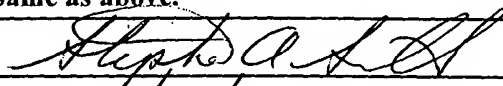
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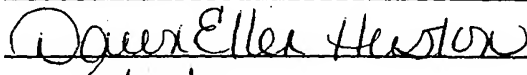
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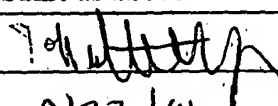
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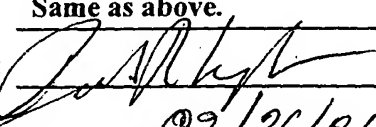
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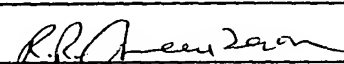
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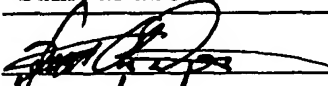
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ASSIGNMENT

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IN CONSIDERATION of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned in "RECLOSABLE CONTAINER LID" and in the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and in any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application are hereby assigned by the undersigned to **SOLO CUP COMPANY**, an Illinois corporation, and the successors, legal representatives and assigns of **SOLO CUP COMPANY**, (hereinafter collectively called said Assignee), and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATIONS it is hereby agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any necessary and proper oaths or affidavits relating to said application or required for the filing or prosecution of any divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application thereof or for the filing or prosecution of any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted on said invention or improvements that said Assignee may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said consideration it is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said Assignee in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and further to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said Assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this Assignment and sale had not been made. And for the said considerations the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements, including all priority rights, and the right to claim priority rights and the privileges and benefits thereof, including those under the International Convention, and all other conventions, and the right to file applications for patent in said Assignee's own name for said invention or improvements in each and every country of the world are hereby Assigned and granted by the undersigned to said Assignee. It is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any and all documents that shall be required of the undersigned to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign letters patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to invest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee. The attorneys of record in said application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert in this Assignment the date and Serial Number thereof in the places provided therefor.

WITNESS our hand and seal

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